

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT MAY LEAVE JANUARY 1

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Grimes Instantly Killed at Lorton Station, Fairfax County, Yesterday.

The second fatal accident to Alexandria automobilists occurred yesterday at Lorton station, on the Washington Southern Railway, when Mr. Joseph S. Grimes and his wife, who were returning from Occoquan in an automobile, were instantly killed by a fast passenger train. The ill-fated couple, among the best known and popular residents of this city, had made a trip to Occoquan during the day to visit relatives and friends, both being natives of that neighborhood. They had carried Christmas reminders, and between three and four o'clock were nearing Lorton station, 13 miles below Alexandria. A heavy fog hung over the vicinity at the time, and in approaching the station it was impossible to see the tracks in clear weather until those using vehicles or on foot get within a few yards of it. The speedometer upon the machine used by Mr. and Mrs. Grimes shows that they were proceeding cautiously and that the auto was being run at six miles an hour. No one witnessed the accident, but there is every reason to believe Mr. Grimes intended following the railway caution—to stop, look and listen—but that the condition of the road from snow and ice rendered it impossible to stop and caused the machine to slide upon the tracks. The auto, judging from the position in which it was found, was partly across the north bound track when a fast passenger train, north bound, struck the rear part of it. Mrs. Grimes received the full force of the impact, she being seated at her husband's right. Both were thrown about forty yards to the east and the auto wrecked. Mrs. Grimes was badly mutilated, but Mr. Grimes's body was not badly maimed.

The train was brought to a stop as soon as possible, but both Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were dead, both having been killed outright.

The news of the terrible accident reached this city about an hour after its occurrence, and two automobiles from Wheatley's undertaking establishment proceeded to the scene. The fog was still thick, and one auto was used as the pilot machine of the other, and both had to proceed cautiously, as it was impossible to distinguish objects a few yards away. The remains were secured and reached here during the night.

The news of the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Grimes was circulated in Alexandria throughout the early part of the night, and it brought forth many expressions of regret, as both were well-known and esteemed.

Magistrate Frank F. Troth, of Fairfax county, empaneled a coroner's jury which returned a verdict to the effect that the accident might have been avoided if the crossing had been properly safeguarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were both natives of Occoquan, but had made their home in this city for a number of years. Mr. Grimes having come here to accept a position with the firm of F. A. Reed & Co., steamship agents. Their home was on Braddock Heights, northwest of the city.

Mrs. Grimes was a daughter of Edward Hamill, of Occoquan, and is survived by three brothers, Wade, Ruben and Paul Hamill, of that place, and a sister Miss Lillian Hamill, of Washington. Mr. Grimes is survived by a brother, H. M. Grimes, a lumber merchant in Washington.

The crossing at Lorton station is regarded as one of the most dangerous in this vicinity. Since the advent of automobiles the number of vehicles passing over it is increasing daily. It is on the road to Pohick Church, Occoquan and other points of interest, and during fair weather is much patronized. The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax county have long since realized the importance of obliterating this grade crossing, and it is proposed to have an underground road similar to that on the Telegraph Road, adjoining Alexandria.

It is stated above that yesterday's

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First Virginia Regiment Expected to Arrive in Richmond During First Week of New Year.

Although December 27, had been announced as the day upon which the First Virginia Regiment would leave Brownsville, Texas, for Richmond, it is now said that they will not leave until between January 1st, and 10th.

Positive information that the First Virginia Infantry would entrain for home on December 27, however, was received Wednesday night by the Administrative Board in Richmond. The information came directly from General Frederick Funston, supreme commander of the United States forces on the Mexican border.

For the purpose of arranging the details of the reception to be tendered the First Virginia Infantry, Mayor George Ainslie of Richmond has selected a committee of 100 members.

Senator Swanson, Congressman Carter Glass, and Congressman Harrison are continuing their efforts to have the Second Virginia Regiment sent home from the border as soon as their presence can be spared.

It seems likely the Second Regiment will follow the First Regiment within thirty days.

Congressman Glass was informed by the War Department, this week, that General Funston has been directed to order all Virginia troops who are members of the units released from service on the border, who are at home on furlough, to remain at their homes until the return of their respective companies. Quite a few members of the First Regiment are at home on furlough, and but for the order of today would have had to return to join their regiment on the border.

PRISONER DROPS BOTTLE

Sergeant Gathers Fragments and Produces Them in the Police Court

While Sergeant Scott was on King street, near St. Asaph, about one o'clock this morning, he saw a white man leave an incoming electric train. The man was drunk, and the Sergeant approached and took his in charge. After walking a few steps the prisoner dropped a bottle holding a quart of whisky and it was broken upon the pavement. The sergeant gathered the pieces, and upon searching the prisoner he found another bottle, which originally contained half a pint of whisky, but part of its contents were gone. Upon reaching the station house the man gave his name as J. E. McCormick. He was brought before the Police Court this morning and held for the action of the grand jury.

Another white man was arrested early in the night for being drunk on the streets. He later deposited five dollars collateral for his appearance this morning, but he could not be found when his name was called, and forfeited the sum.

DIED

Suddenly, on Thursday afternoon, December 21, 1916, JOSEPH S. GRIMES and CARRIE GRIMES. The funeral will take place from Wheatley's undertaking chapel on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

horror is the second which has occurred hereabouts recently. William H. Peck and Ernest Zell were killed Sunday September 4, 1913, an automobile in which they were seated having been struck by a Washington and Old Dominion train near Hume's station, a short distance north of Alexandria.

There will be a double funeral next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Wheatley's undertaking chapel. Rev. E. V. Register, pastor of Del Ray M. E. Church South will conduct the services.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

Dressed Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks and Rabbits at the
Schuler Beef Co., Market.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Street.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Seventh Day Adventist church will have their Sabbath School and preaching Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend by F. E. Gibson, pastor.

Mr. E. E. Downham of this city has been chosen to represent Acca Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Richmond, at the session of the Imperial Council which will convene in Minneapolis, Minn., next summer.

The threatening weather of last night brought heavy showers of rain between eleven and twelve o'clock and at an early hour this morning, vivid lightning, accompanied by heavy thunder awakened many people. The wind, which had been from the south changed to the north, when the temperature fell and clearing conditions follow.

Word has been received that the funeral of Mrs. Harriette Lee Tallafiero will probably take place Sunday from Christ Church. The first announcement from Richmond was to the effect that the body would reach Alexandria Saturday morning and the funeral take place that afternoon, but owing to the distance no definite information has yet been received, other than that the funeral party will not arrive in Alexandria before Sunday morning.

Those of Alexandria's citizens who desire to aid in a worthy cause can do so by helping the Boy Scouts in their efforts to make the poor children of the city happy. On Christmas eve the Boy Scouts will carry baskets of provisions and toys to the various homes where Santa Claus may not visit, as has been their custom for the past five years. All who wish to help may send their donations of provisions, toys or cash to the Westminster building this evening from 7:30 to 9:30, and on Saturday (tomorrow) from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m., and they will be given careful attention. Up to the present time the Boy Scouts have reported 75 worthy cases. One in particular, which should appeal to the generous heart, is located in the First ward, where the father is ill and there are five small children with no prospects of anything like a merry Christmas. In this case money is needed with which to purchase medicine. In other homes the visits of the Scouts will no doubt be anxiously looked for.

MAY FREE IRISH REBELS.

Predicted as Part of Settlement of Home Rule Question.

London, Dec. 21.—Release of a majority of the Irish rebels imprisoned after the Dublin revolt was believed a step likely to be taken shortly by the new government. A debate in the House of Commons last night, in which Secretary for Ireland Duke and the Irish leader, John Dillon, participated, showed that the premier and Duke were both inclined to release most of the prisoners.

Persistent rumors of a settlement of the Irish home rule question have been current ever since the cabinet crisis, and leaders would not be surprised to see leniency exercised in preparation for announcement of a complete adjustment of the Irish situation.

FIERY SLEIGH KILLS TWO

Emerson, Kan., Dec. 21.—Two children were burned to death and three others received burns which are expected to prove fatal, when a sleigh carrying the families of Russel Mathews and Mrs. G. Gates caught fire from an overturned oil lamp late Tuesday night.

Other members of the party of 15 may die, physicians said today, from the shock of long exposure in a temperature of 4 degrees below zero. The party was en route to Humboldt, Minn., to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Many Christmas trees were stacked in the market court this morning.

The city market will be closed all day Monday, Christmas.

Miss Agnes Dienelt has returned to her home in south Columbus street after a four months visit to friends in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The University of Virginia holidays began yesterday and the Alexandrians who are attending have arrived at their home. They are Messrs. William Phillips, James Duncan, Chas. Sullivan and Tupper Barrett.

The Gazette will take pleasure in publishing programs of music to be rendered in the various churches of the city on Sunday and Christmas providing the copy is received at the office in time for publication tomorrow morning.

Elder F. E. Gibson, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, will leave for Youngstown, Ohio, Saturday night to join his wife who is visiting her parents at that place. After spending a few days there the Elders and Mrs. Gibson will visit Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where his parents live and spend New Year's day with them.

The Yuletide spirit has entered the Knights of Columbus circles of Alexandria with full force, the local council, through its committees, has arranged a very attractive week for the Alexandrians. The program for the Christmas week includes a dance, the exemplification of the first degree, the holding of a social session, and a Christmas celebration. On December 26th the first dance given this season by the local council will be held in the auditorium of the Elks' Home on Wednesday evening the honors of the first degree will be conferred upon a class of candidates. Following the degree there will be held the social session and the Christmas celebration. The Christmas celebration is something novel with the local council, and was inaugurated by C. Raymond Hellmuth, chairman of the entertainment committee. The members of the dance committee are as follows: E. E. Downham, chairman; Francis H. Fannon, and J. Stewart Kimball. The following compose the entertainment committee: C. Raymond Hellmuth, William A. Devaughn, William Duncan and Francis H. Fannon.

GOES THROUGH DRAW

Rest of Train Remained on the Track—Crew Leaped and Saved Their Lives.

Norfolk, Dec. 22.—Engine 53, drawing the Norfolk-Southern passenger train from Raleigh, N. C., due in Norfolk yesterday morning at 7:50 o'clock, plunged into the open draw of the Albermarle and Chesapeake canal, several miles from this city, at 7:20 o'clock and is now resting on the bottom of the narrow canal. Engineer James Hunter and his colored fireman jumped and escaped injury, and the coaches all remained on the track, nobody was hurt. The passengers were sent back to Elizabeth City, N. C., and will come into Norfolk from Suffolk over the Norfolk and Western, over which line all of the traffic over the Norfolk Southern will be diverted until the engine is raised from the canal and the tracks cleared. The cause of the accident is claimed by Engineer Hunter to be due to the wrong signal. He states that the signal at the end of the bridge showed "clear" while the draw was open. He and the fireman saw that the accident would be unavoidable, though, and they jumped from the cab before the plunge.

Help the merchants by carrying home your small purchases during the holiday rush. They will appreciate it and you will be sure of getting your goods promptly and also avoid possible delays and mix-ups through having the wrong package sent to your home.

Helping one another is a part of the Christmas spirit. Let us all remember it.

Mr. Edward Stabler Fawcett, of New York, is the guest for a few days of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Slaymaker at their home in Rosemont.

Mr. Malcolm McCoy, of Riverton, Virginia, is the guest for a few days of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Slaymaker at their home in Rosemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and baby, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, are the guests of Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. John T. Johnson at her home in North Washington street.

Mr. N. H. Berman, of 622 King street left yesterday for New York city where he will be married to Miss Martha Frank, of that city. They will be at home in Washington after January 15.

The State Corporation commission has granted a charter to the Frank A. Steele Company, Inc., of Alexandria. The maximum capital is \$200,000, minimum \$50,000, par value of \$100 per share. Officers of the company are Frank A. Steele, president; Ralph A. Steele, vice president, and Edward Steele, secretary and treasurer, all of this city.

The Southern Society last evening entertained in the Pan-American building, Washington at one of the most brilliant receptions ever seen in that beautiful building, adapted to scenes of brilliancy, in honor of the Latin American diplomats. President and Mrs. Wilson's presence lent a touch of formality to the occasion, though it could not be considered a "state affair." Among those in attendance were Judge and Mrs. Charles Edgar Nicol of this city.

The services held at the Altar house on Wednesday afternoon by the Allison W. C. T. U., conducted by the Rev. E. T. Kirkley of the Methodist Protestant church and Mr. J. M. Saunders of the First Baptist church, were most enjoyable. Rev. Mr. Kirkley's exposition of the 23d Psalm was especially fine. Each inmate was given a Christmas present and everyone attending the service felt highly repaid for the time spent. The members of the Union desire the Gazette to thank the friends who kindly furnished automobiles for the convenience of those who attended.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Cary L. Applegate, of Owensboro, Ky., died suddenly on board a east-bound train at Clifton Forge Wednesday morning. He and his wife were on their way to visit Bedford City, Mr. Applegate being a member of the national commission in charge of the Elks' National Home, at that place. When near Roncovever, W. Va., he fell in the aisle of the car, and died in a few moments of apoplexy. Mr. Applegate was a member of the Owensboro (Ky.) Lodge of Elks. He had been a trustee of the grand lodge at one time.

While in the act of shaving and during the temporary absence from the room of his nurse, Miss Ewing, Dr. George Ben Johnston dropped dead in his home, in Richmond, Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Johnston had been suffering from an affection of the heart. Dr. Johnston was in his sixty-fourth year. He was a son of former Senator John Warfield Johnston, of Virginia.

The State Board of Education on Wednesday, by a unanimous vote, dismissed charges of moral unfitness, preferred by Rev. J. O. Moas, pastor of the Methodist Church, of Waverley, against W. W. Edwards, State inspector of high schools, who is himself an ordained minister of the Baptist Church.

A fire Wednesday morning totally destroyed the store of the South Hill Hardware Company, the stock in the store of J. S. Dortch and Co., and the store and stock of the Ogburn & Lambert Co., next door. The total loss will be from \$40,000 to \$50,000, with about \$15,000 insurances.

Three men were killed and several others injured early Wednesday when a boiler on the steamer Princess Anna, Norfolk to New York, exploded while the ship was off Lambert's Point.

PRODUCING BETTER GAS STATE HAS \$3,000,000

Light Committee of City Council Procure Superior Quality of Coal to Relieve Conditions.

The general complaint which has recently been made by gas consumers of the insufficient quantity and poor quality furnished, has been an annoyance to those having the works in charge, and they have worked assiduously toward remedying existing conditions. It is, of course, generally admitted that the trouble has been caused by the grade of coal and the committee on light of the city Council today received a carload of another grade which is meeting all requirements, and they expect soon to have enough gas and of a good quality to meet all requirements. Hence we must await a time with patience.

The new supply is now being used, and as a consequence, gas in the holders is rising satisfactorily and a better flow is expected.

The use of gas is steadily increasing in this city, notwithstanding the introduction of electricity. Gas stoves are regarded by many as indispensable to housekeeping. Often of late, however, it has been almost impossible to get a sufficient flow to prepare a meal, while illumination by gas has been far from satisfactory, and in some cases people's eyes are being seriously injured by the dimly lighted kerosene lamps.

The pressure, it is now believed, will remove the difficulty, and in future only coal known to be satisfactory in the production of gas will be purchased.

NO THREAT OF WAR

Lansing Is Quick to Overtake Erroneous Impression.

President Wilson's note to the belligerents urging discussion of peace was officially interpreted yesterday as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late yesterday by Secretary Lansing in a formal statement issued to overtaken what were characterized as widespread misconceptions placed on one given out earlier saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Secretary Lansing's final statement formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality and that the whole tone and language of the note was sufficient to indicate the purpose without further comment on his part.

CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Episcopal Theological Seminary, near this city, closed for the holidays yesterday evening after the examinations of the Michaelmas term. The lectures will not be resumed until Thursday morning, January 4th 1917 but the students are expected to return on Wednesday evening the 3rd of January before six o'clock.

Four of the professors will convene on the hill at Dr. Crawford's now a resident of Washington until spring, and Dr. and Mrs. Bell expect to visit relatives near Staunton, Va., and at Wilmington, Del.

The services on Christmas Day at the Seminary will be at eleven o'clock with Holy Communion.

The Episcopal High School closes its first term this evening for the holidays. All the boys at the school will either go home or visit friends for the holidays and only about three students of the Seminary will remain on the Hill.

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Virginia's Christmas Stocking is Bulging With Largest Amount in The History of the Commonwealth.

State Auditor C. Lee Moore is exuding Christmas joy. He proudly announces that the Yuletide stocking of the State of Virginia was bulging with cash, the treasury of this grand old Commonwealth showing a balance to date of about \$3,000,000. Not with in the memory of officials has the treasury been known to be in such a healthy condition.

Not only is this amount on deposit by the State, but there are no demands against it. In other words, all current bills payable have been taken care of, and yet this amount stands in the coffers of the State, in the keeping of the treasurer of Virginia, and vouched for by the State auditor. Verily the Christmas stocking of Virginia is full.

This large balance is due to the collection of back taxes on assessments of tangible and intangible properties which had been omitted. For this part of it, the new tax laws and the State Tax Board activities receive the credit. In addition there has been some slightly increased assessments, but the State has not benefited to such a large extent on these so far. Mr. Moore stated that court clerks had been on time in making their returns this year, which accounted to a great extent for the "full stocking." He said the clerks did extremely well, especially in view of the fact that the tax books were delayed on account of having to be changed, due to the new tax laws of the last General Assembly.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year of October 1 the Auditor of Public Accounts has received at his office a sum which totals well over \$4,300,000, or \$1,100,000 more than was received during the same period last year. This was done, too, despite a delay in getting books to commissioners of the revenue and treasurers, caused by the necessity of making tax forms to comply with changes made in the laws by the last Legislature.

"The tax officers in the State" says Mr. Moore, "deserve the heartiest congratulations, for they have rendered good service. And the taxpayer deserves praise for the promptness with which he has paid his taxes."

DIES IN A THEATER

Expert Accountant, Formerly of Alexandria, Succumbs to Heart Disease.

John C. Athey, 61 years old, an expert accountant, living at 1344 Euclid street northwest, Washington, dropped dead in the Hippodrome moving picture theater, 808 K street northwest at 11 o'clock last night. Death is said to be due to heart disease.

Mr. Athey went to the theater by himself. He was a member of Hamline Methodist congregation, Washington. He is survived by a wife, (daughter of the late J. C. Clark, of this city), and two daughters, Miss Edith B. Athey and Mrs. Walter W. Vaughn.

WEDDING YESTERDAY

Miss Amanda Gorham Becomes Bride of Mr. Irvin Payne, at Bailey's Crossroads.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorham, near Bailey's Cross Roads, when their daughter, Miss Amanda Gorham, became the bride of Mr. Irvin Payne, a well known merchant at Bailey's.

The bride was dressed in white and carried a bouquet of white narcissus. The company present consisted of only the immediate members of the family who wished the bride and groom a long prosperous and happy life together.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Walker of the Episcopal Theological Seminary near this city.

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ANOTHER AUTO HORROR

Alexandria was shocked early last night when news reached here of the killing of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grimes by a fast passenger train at Lorton, Fairfax county, a short distance south of this city. The ill-fated couple were on their way home from Occoquan, and were crossing the railway tracks in their automobile when they were struck by the oncoming train and instantly killed. Their machine was wrecked and parts scattered for some distance along the track.

This is the second frightful accident that has occurred to Alexandria automobilists during the past three years. William H. Peck and Eugene Zell having been killed in an automobile by a Washington and Old Dominion train in the early part of September 1913.

Mother Shipton, long before the introduction of steam, delivered a so-called prophecy in verse. Referring to days to come the prophetess said, among other things,

"Carriages without horses shall go,
"and accidents fill the world with woe."

While not a disciple of this good woman, the above has often been brought to mind in the automobile era, in which we live. Hardly a day passes without the occurrence of some horror to autoists. This is especially the case on Sundays, and Monday's papers during the summer and fall almost invariably chronicle the killing of occupants of these modern vehicles by trains, collision, skidding, etc.

Considering the rapid multiplication of automobiles in Alexandria in recent years, however, our city has not suffered above other cities of the same size.

The crossing where yesterday's accident occurred has ever been regarded as dangerous. Fast trains are liable to pass at any time. During good weather many automobiles from Alexandria and Washington make trips to old Pohick Church, Occoquan and other places in the vicinity of this accident. The warning words at railway crossings, "Stop, look and listen!" cannot be heeded too literally. The victims of yesterday's horror were among our best known and most esteemed residents and their untimely fate brought forth many sincere expressions of regret.

AERIAL MAIL ROUTE

Tentatively under consideration, in connection with the proposed appropriation of \$100,000 for experimental aerial mail service by the Government is a plan for regular aeroplane mail service between New York and Chicago.

Officers of the Post Office Department have discussed the present possibilities of aerial mail transportation with American representatives of the science of aerial navigation and are assured that New York-Chicago service is practicable. It is estimated that the trips can be made in from six to fourteen hours, depending upon the wind and that the average running time for the 720 miles (air line) between the largest American cities would be eight hours.

Certain American promoters have proposed definite plans for the maintenance on a regular schedule of this air trunk-line, for the mails. They point out that "the flights of Ruth Law and Victor Carlstrom were much more difficult and remarkable than the regular trips we are planning. They had no help along the route, whereas we would provide everything that can be thought of."

One plan involves emergency stations every twenty-two miles, each equipped with powerful lights, two landing stations, and one relay station. The planes would leave the two terminals at 6 p. m. and deliver the mail before 9 a. m. the following day. Under the most favorable conditions, the mail would reach destination by midnight, 500 to 1,000 pounds of load or "cargo" would be carried. Leaving New York at dusk, the air

mail carrier would follow the lights at the emergency stations to the first landing station which would be in the vicinity of Williamsport, Pa. There, at a flying field fully equipped with hangars, tools and spare parts, he would stop for oil and gas, and would then continue to the relay station near Niles, Ohio. Here another machine would finish the flight, landing once at the second landing, near Napoleon, Ohio. One extra machine with a pilot would be maintained at each landing station and three extra machines and pilots at the relay station. Powerful searchlights would mark the emergency stations and special lighting systems illuminate the flying fields at the landing and relay stations. By the use of searchlights of about eight thousand candle power equipped with acetylene gas tanks, it is stated that the pilots would be able to see the lights when several miles distant even in foggy weather and would be compelled to fly in darkness under the worst conditions only ten or twelve minutes.

ACQUIRE DANISH WEST INDIES

As will be seen elsewhere, a dispatch from Copenhagen says the Folkething, after a single reading, yesterday adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was ninety in favor of and sixteen against ratification. Five members were absent.

With the ratification by the Danish Folkething of the treaty for the sale of the islands the purchase by United States is completed. The United States has already ratified the agreement. The only steps remaining to be taken before the islands come under the American flag is the payment of the purchase price agreed upon \$25,000,000—and the taking of possession.

It has been known for many years that Denmark was anxious to sell the islands to the United States, and at a price much less than she is now to obtain for them. Germany, however, was averse to the transfer, and, frowning upon the procedure, the United States has been compelled to await a time when Germany is confronted by troubles of her own and is not in a position to tell Denmark what she must do with her own.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor, Gazette.

The Christmas spirit. At this time in the year, when we are giving and receiving gifts from our loved ones, it is worth remembering that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus, the man who never gave the world a dollar.

He bestowed upon mankind not a material gift—He carved no statue painted no picture, wrote no poems, composed no songs. But He stands in history as the Great Giver. Silver and gold He had none, but such as He had He gave to men, the gentle touch of a sympathetic hand, the golden glow of a genial mind, the healing love of a generous heart, the bracing of a courageous spirit.

In preparing our Christmas gifts, let us give some of the things which Jesus gave. Let us give a thought to someone who needs it. Sympathy to someone, who deserves it, but does not get it. Kindness to someone the world has overlooked. Affection to someone who is starving for it. Inspiration to someone who is fainting for the lack of it.

Our Christmas does not consist in the abundance of things we receive or give away, but in a spirit of good will which fills our hearts.

W. M.

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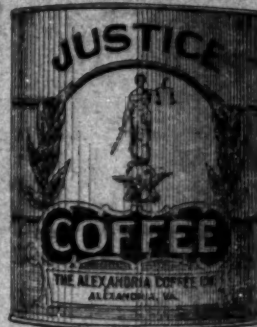
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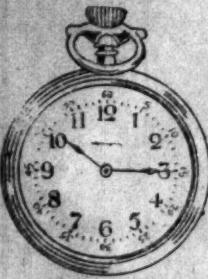
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PEACE DOOR NOT BANGED.

Manchester Guardian Says Lloyd-
George Gave Room to Hope.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Lloyd-
George's reply to Germany's peace
proposal meets with a chorus of ap-
proval in the British press and the
general comment is that if Germany
really wants peace she will state when
the joint reply of the Allies is re-
ceived terms which can form a basis
of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says:

"Premier Lloyd-George has not
shut the door on peace with that re-
sounding clang for which some of
his less balanced supporters in the
press have been listening. It is true
he insisted on the impossibility of
accepting the German invitation as it
stands. In this he was ably sec-
onded by Mr. Asquith and will be
approved by the country.

"The German Chancellor must be
both more modest and more explicit
before he can expect any favorable
answer to his invitation. But the real
danger in the situation which his of-
fer created was that the Allies, this
country in particular, might be led
into an abrupt and sweeping refusal,
not merely of the actual invitation
but of any proposal to discuss peace
terms. This snare Lloyd-George has
avoided."

The Guardian notes that the speech
contained no hint of the crushing of
Germany, but says discussion of any
matter is conditioned on restitution.

"Security we certainly require," the
Guardian continues. "The best se-
curity is the firm, unbroken front of
the alliance fortified when the war
ends by a universal league to enforce
peace. In such a league America
would play a great part and her pre-
sence alone would be no small securi-
ty."

Expressing the opinion that Chan-
cellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will
admit on reflection that the propo-
sals of the Entente Allies, as outlin-
ed by Mr. Lloyd-George, formed a
basis for discussion, the Guardian
says:

"There is in this, as in all countries
at war, a great volume of opinion, too
little vocal, unfortunately, in favor of
a serious effort on the part of Eu-
rope's statesmen to put an end to
the carnage which is destroying the
whole generation of the young."

EVE NOT RESPONSIBLE

Experts Says Adam's First Wife Was
Pretty But Faithless Blond.

New York, Dec. 21.—The supreme
injustice of the ages was cleared up
yesterday. Henceforth he it known
that it is emphatically not Eve who is
responsible for the fickleness and fo-
ibles of feminine fancies, even though
history, tradition and the serpent
have borne witness to her guilt.

Here's the true story—for the first
time—and you have the word of Rob-
ert P. Dow, editor of the Brooklyn
Entomological Society Bulletin, for it.

"Eve was Adam's second wife! His
first was Lilith, a beautiful blond,
and a perfect 36. She had all the ec-
centricities of such a type and one-
day she took her fig leaf and her
toothbrush and left Adam flat. She
was next heard of when she married
a phoenician merchant, whereupon
Adam, took a rib and made a woman
of his own liking—Eve.

"If you don't believe it," queries
Mr. Dow, "where did Cain and Abel
get their wives?"

CARDINAL GIBBON'S VIEWS.

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Cardinal Gib-
bons believes that the peace proposal
by the German Government and the
answer to it by Lloyd-George in the
British House of Commons marks the
beginning of a movement that will
end in peace.

Asked yesterday afternoon for his
opinion of the significance of these
exchanges, the Cardinal said:

"Like many others, I was delig-
ed to learn that the door was not
shut absolutely, and I hope that the
friends of peace will be able to fling
it wide open."

"Do you believe that there is de-
finite prospect of peace?" he was
asked.

"Yes, he answered. "The way was
left open, and I hope and believe that
as the belligerent nations continue
to discuss peace their enmity will de-
crease. The British Premier was very
cautious, but he left the way open."

TEXAS CAPITAL MAY GO DRY.

Travis County Voting Today on Pro-
hibition Measure.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Prohi-
bitionists today were striving to give
the next legislature a dry spot in
which to cogitate on the proposed
State-wide anti-booze measure, which
is scheduled to provide the fireworks
in the coming session.

Travis county, in which the capital
is located, is voting on local option.

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Choice Broken Candy, Pound	15c
Choice Mixed Candies, Pound	15 and 20c
Atmore's (seedless) Mincemeat, Pound	12 1/2c
Atmore's Plum Pudding, tin	25c
Heinz Plum Pudding, tin	30c
Sun-Maid Raisins	12c
Fancy Layer Raisins	15c
Armour's Kraut	15c qt.

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United States Will Secure Danish West Indies.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Both houses of the Danish parliament now have approved the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The landthing, or upper house, voted favorably upon the proposition yesterday, 40 to 19.

The bill for ratification of the treaty providing for the sale was adopted by the folkething Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Approval by Denmark's parliament of the treaty by which the United States will acquire the Danish West Indies, opens the way for a prompt exchange of ratifications between the two governments and consummation of negotiations that have been in progress intermittently since the civil war. The United States Senate already

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Commercially the islands are regarded as of comparatively little value. There are three of them, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, and on their 142 square miles live some 33,000 people, nine-tenths of whom are colored men employed on sugar cane plantations.

WILL CONTINUE WAR

Neutrals Should Understand Real Position of Entente, Says Chancellor.

London, Dec. 22.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the house of commons last night Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd-George's speech, and then Hastings B. L. Smith, liberal member for Northampton, dressed in his military uniform, sounded a new note, urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations, will, I hope, understand the position at which we have now arrived," Mr. Law said. "Germany has made peace proposals. On what basis? On the basis of her victorious armies."

"Is peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? It is my firm belief that unless all the nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces must be vindicated there never can be an enduring peace."

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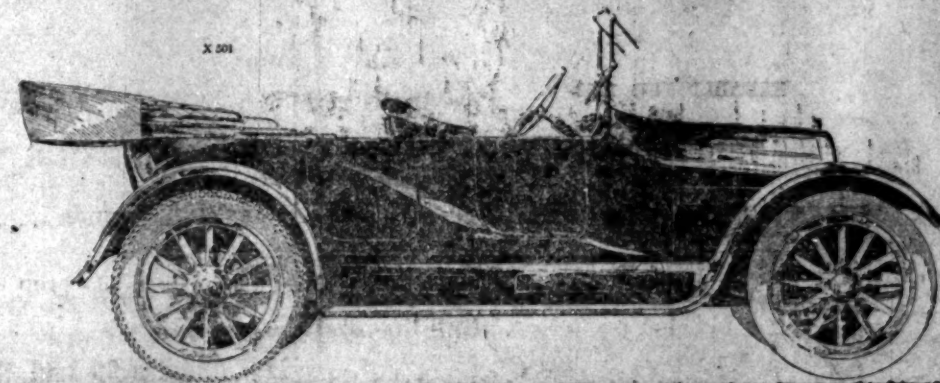
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ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president, A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.

292 td.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.
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LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of Williams, Belmont and Co., Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the Company, 128 S. Fairfax Street, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the 26th day of December, 1916, at 12:00 o'clock a. m. The object of the meeting is to amend section 4 of the Charter of the Corporation and to provide for an increase of Capital stock to the total amount of \$450,000, of which 37,500 shares of the par value of \$10.00 each shall be preferred stock, and 52,500 shares of the par value of \$2.00 each shall be common stock. And further to provide conditions and rules relating to said stock. By order of the Board of Directors JOSEPH H. SCHÖENBERGER, Secretary.
J. K. M. Norton, Attorney 289, 12.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank, Alexandria, Virginia, December 9th, 1916.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
GEORGE E. WARFIELD, Cashier.
289 td.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank, Alexandria, Va., December 9th, 1916.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
288 td.

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the District of Columbia Paper Mfg. Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, No. 111 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., on Monday January 15th, 1917, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock M. and 1:00 p. m., to elect directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any business that may be properly presented at the meeting.
A. B. TOLSON, Asst. Secretary.
Dec 14-21-28-Jan-4.

HEADQUARTERS FOR HOLIDAY SMOKES AND SMOKERS ARTICLES

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Policeman A. B. Clark, 48 years old, of Washington shot himself dead with his own police revolver yesterday afternoon while on the street about 200 yards north of Florida avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets northeast.

The first 100 national banks of the country in size, formerly congested in a few financial centers but now scattered among 33 cities in 22 States, increased their resources between the bank calls of September 12 and November 17, by \$550,000,000, or about 9 per cent. In a statement last night analyzing returns from the last call, Comptroller Williams pointed out that with one exception the resources of the largest hundred institutions are in excess of \$20,000,000 each, or more than \$2,000,000,000 altogether.

The new note of the entente allies to Greece, which according to the understanding in London, was presented today, includes the following principal demands. The control of telegraphs, posts and railways; the prohibition of meetings of reservists; and an inquiry by a mixed commission into the disturbances of December 1-2.

In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, it is understood that the German emperor will at an early date summon to headquarters the American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

The British government has decided to release the Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland. Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the house of commons yesterday. "The time has come when the advantages of releasing these men far outweigh the risk, and I have so advised the government. Steps, therefore, were taken today to proceed with the least possible delay to return the interned prisoners to their homes."

Preparations are being made to launch the battleship Mississippi, building at New port News, on January 25. Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels and Mrs. Daniels will attend the launching. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Huntington also are expected to be present, as are members of the Mississippi delegation in Congress.

MRS. WM. BOWERS LIVED ON LIQUID DIET

Two Bottles of Dresco Put Her on Solid Food and the Road to Health
"I'm 72 years of age and have suffered for years from liver trouble, poor appetite to the point where the doctors put me on a liquid diet, till I lost all desire for food of any sort. I had four doctors in all, and I surely thought they ought to know what they were doing! I had rheumatism, like lots of people my age, and the worst sort of pains in my back; was bilious most of the time; had gas-tric till I had more pain in my stomach than I ever had food; heart-burn once in a while to add to my troubles, and my tongue was coated and my breath unpleasant a good deal of the time, and a great sufferer from asthma, which kept me very weak."

"I'm on my third bottle of Dresco now, and honestly you wouldn't know it was the same woman. Every single one of these complaints and some others I haven't mentioned have been corrected, and most of them entirely cured, and I'm going to stick to Dresco for another bottle, just to make sure."

"Instead of being a weak, run-down woman, sick all the time, living on liquids and getting weaker all the time, I'm eating like anybody else, and am getting to feel as I did when I was 20 years younger. If you think this might help anybody else on the right track, tell them about me."

The Dresco man explains that he has a great many cases where practically the same result has been gotten in Mrs. Bowers' case. The advanced age and the long-standing case of rheumatism, and other troubles, really done a great deal of credit for Dresco. Mrs. Bowers lives at 3640 Maple Avenue, Baltimore.

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LOOK AT THE PRICES

Round Steak lb.	20c
Sirloin Steak lb.	25c
Porterhouse lb.	28c
Chuck Roast lb.	12 1-2c 16c
Rib Roast lb.	18c to 20c
Pork Roast lb.	18 1-2c
Lamb Chops lb.	20c
Veal Chops lb.	22 1-2c
Ham Sliced lb.	28c
Bacon lb.	25c
Small Fresh & Corned Hams lb.	20c
Small California Shoulders lb.	16c
Hams, Smoked lb.	21 1-2c
Best Creamery Butter lb.	47c
Process Butter lb.	39c
Tip Top Oleomargarine lb.	23c
Pure Lard lb.	20c
Compound Lard lb.	17c
Table Belle Flour sack.	60c
Heckers Flour sack.	70c
Canned Corn, Tomatoes, Peas lb.	12c
Best Prunes lb.	12c
Peaches lb.	10c
California Growers Brand 2 cans	25c
Navy Beans qt.	25c
Lima Beans qt.	16c
Raisins pkg.	10 1-2c
Currants pkg.	18c
Try Our Coffee lb.	20c
Arbuckles Coffee lb.	22c

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RAILROADS

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PREMIER CARRIER OF THE SOUTH.
In Effect March 1, 1917

N. B.—Following schedule figures are published only as information not guaranteed.

Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.
7:37 A. M. Daily—Local between Washington and Danville, delivers connection daily except Sundays and Orange to U and O. No. 403 for Charlottesville and Richmond.
3:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.
5:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.
10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham, Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte.
4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.
4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Anniston, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily.
4:02 P. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations on Tidewater branch. Pullman Buffet parlor car.
5:52 P. M. Local for Warrenton.
7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping car service.
10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Steamer to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke. Dining car service.
11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. Pullman Buffet parlor car, Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.
4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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who carried Congressman-elect Bleak-
ley from Philadelphia to Washington
a short time ago, made a return trip
to the Quaker City yesterday in 85
minutes, or at the rate of about 98
miles an hour.Unheralded, the aviator rose from
the aviation field at Fort Myer yes-
terday afternoon at 1:25 and turned
the nose of his machine toward Phila-
delphia.Not more than a score of people
knew that he was making the trip,
and there was no blare of trumpets
to announce it. Few people in the
crowded streets here heard the sound
of the engine as Ocker passed over
Washington.

PLEDGES ARE ENDED

Germany Will Torpedo All Armed
Merchantmen at Sight.London, Dec. 22.—The exchange
Telegraph Company's Amsterdam cor-
respondent quotes the following from
the Berlin Taegliche Rundschau re-
garding the reference made in the
house of commons by Andrew Bonar
Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to
the case of Capt. Blaikie of the
steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by
the Germans:"The German government has now
formally taken the position that Eng-
land's armed commercial and passen-
ger steamers are men-of-war, being
armed auxiliary cruisers. The prom-
ise given to America—which has al-
ways hindered our submarine war—
that these vessels before being tor-
pedoed must be stopped and be ex-
amined, falls to the ground. They

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SUITS STEAMED AND PRESSED	40c
OVER-COATS STEAMED AND PRESSED	40c
PANTS STEAMED AND PRESSED	20c
COATS STEAMED AND PRESSED	25c
SUITS STEAMED CLEANED AND PRESSED	\$1.
SUITS FRENCH DRY CLEANED PRESSED	\$1.
OVER-COATS CLEANED AND PRESSED	\$1.
BOYS' SUITS PRESSED	25c
BOYS' SUIT CLEANED AND PRESSED	65c

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ing the undersens boat war which all
sensible people have long recognized
as unavoidable and indispensable.
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Lloyd George's refusal of our peace
offer."

London, Dec. 22.—"The govern-
ment cannot admit any distinction be-
tween the rights of unarmed mer-
chant ships and those armed for de-
fensive purposes," said Sir Edward
Carson, first lord of the admiralty,

replying to a question yesterday in
the house of commons.

Paris, Dec. 22. —The Bordeaux
correspondent of the Figaro telegraph
that several ships at that port have
mounted guns and taken supplies of
munitions on board to defend them-
selves against submarines.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

\$12,444,584 for Schools and Roads

IN the last ten years the Southern Railway
has paid in taxes for schools, bridges,
roads and pensions in the South the follow-
ing amounts:

For schools	\$7,237,339.76
For roads and bridges	4,110,900.38
For pensions	1,096,344.03
Total	\$12,444,584.17

The Southern Railway Company is proud to
have made this contribution to the upbuilding of the
South.

It is further evidence that the welfare of the
South and the welfare of the Southern Railway are
the same. Damage one, and the other suffers.

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JONES sometimes wakes up feeling cross
and in consequence the family know it
without his telling them in so many words.

Mrs. Jones attributes it to biliousness and
if it doesn't wear off during the day she
gives him a dose of liver medicine at night.
The next morning he feels better and she
gives him coffee for breakfast,—and the next
morning,—and the next morning. And in
a few days Jones has another spell.

Dear Mrs. Jones means all right, but she
doesn't seem to realize that if she didn't give
Jones his morning coffee she wouldn't have
to give him the liver medicine and Jones
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SEE NO HOPE OF PEACE

Text of Lloyd George's Speech Decries Berlin Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Berlin press which commented only fragmentarily on Premier Lloyd George's speech hitherto because only excerpts were available, now has the entire text and devotes its full attention to the subject. The papers on a whole express little surprise at the British premier's attitude although most wonder why he believes that entering into a conference would involve the entente as placing its head in a noose.

Lloyd George's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay an indemnity.

In the view of the Vossische Zeitung the reference to the noose is nothing more than a recognition by England of Germany's strength and the failure of the entente's military enterprise. It adds that not a single word of Lloyd George's speech indicates any desire to repair the torn international threads, and asks why the entente should stand so stubbornly for restitution and reparation when it is highly improbable the Alsace can ever be conquered, by France, Constantinople by Russia, and that it is even improbable if Germany can be driven out of the conquered territory.

The Vossische contends that it is a fortunate thing that Germany possesses militarism to withstand the "entente's ambition to reach its world goal."

The most significant sentence in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung is Count von Reventlow's comment on Lloyd George's reference to Napoleon. He says: "Conditions were different a century ago, and, above all, there were no submarines."

The Kreuz Zeitung is flatly pessimistic. "We have now learned," it says, "that our enemies do not want peace, but war to the knife, so we must abandon all considerations, and grasp all the means of war at our disposal."

BRITISH REPULSE ATTACKS

German in Charge on Ypres Salient Veritably Annihilated.

With the British armies in the field, Dec. 18 (delayed).—Once again the notorious Ypres salient has earned a place on the war's scoreboard.

The German official wireless on December 14 gave the impression of an important local victory scored there by German troops. It was said they stormed and occupied "British second line trenches southeast of Zillebeke, the garrison of which fled."

Here's exactly what happened at 9:05 at night on December 14:

A strong German attack was launched against the British southern flank of the salient. Expecting the attack, the British got the storm under a deadly fire, so that when the Germans reached the British there were only ten of the attacking party left. The whole action lasted just ten minutes. The enemy losses were believed to be severe; the British casualties were very slight. All advantage remained on the English side.

On the following day the Germans again attacked, this time at Hill 60, nearby. A heavy barrage fire completely wiped out this attack, not one man reaching the British lines. Again the German losses were regarded as severe, for, despite the bad weather, it was perfectly plain that the British fire was effective.

Flight Commander Claude Grahame-White was married at the registry office in London yesterday to Ethel Levey. Commander Grahame-White's first wife, who was Miss Dorothy Taylor, of New York, obtained a divorce in London last June. Ethel Levey formerly was the wife of George M. Cohan, of New York. Their marriage was dissolved in 1907.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Vatican is expected to cooperate with the President, if given the opportunity.

In a short time transportation of oil from Romania into the interior of the central powers will be begun on a large scale," says a dispatch from Berlin. "Thus it will be possible to accumulate great stores of oil, since the present requirements of the central empires are well covered."

Cleveland, Ohio, women are substituting the tin whistle for the male escort. No, not as a matter of choice, but when the escort is lacking, the whistle accompanies the girl out after dusk.

Fire that started on the fifth floor of the department store of the J. P. Allen Co., in Atlanta, Ga., early Wednesday morning destroyed the Allen building and stock. J. P. Allen estimated the loss at \$200,000.

A dispatch from Zurich says information has been received there from Berlin that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, in a secret conference with the party leaders preceding his announcement of Germany's peace offer in the Reichstag, was given full powers to conduct peace negotiations without further consultation, even with the party leaders.

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no extra dividend was declared, since the company is under obligations for the recent issuance of mortgage bonds on half of the capital stock; and also is bearing much of the expense of the new railroad terminal to be located on the present site of the Hermitage Golf Club, West Broad street Richmond. Work on grounds for this terminal already has begun, and it is said the building should be completed within a year. No official confirmation of the board's action could be obtained.

When fire swept the second floor of the home of Walter Moysanski in Philadelphia, Wednesday night, \$296 in notes, which members of the family had saved up for their Christmas shopping, was burned. The money was in a closet on the second floor, and the blaze started in the closet so that there was no chance to get the notes. Five persons in the house escaped without injury.

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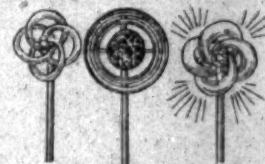
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